

# COLE-MIERS COURIER

## Memorial Day

Each year at this time, we have the honor, but more importantly the duty, to remember those fellow Service Members that paid the ultimate sacrifice. Those members that never got the opportunity to make it home to their family and friends. We have to take a moment and reflect upon them, remember them and continue to live their legacy for them.

I personally, try to remember the 7 Soldiers from my unit in 2005-2006 Iraq, that didn't make it home. They had families and friends that loved them and are reminded every day that their loved one won't be returning, ever. The least I can do is remember them one day out of the year.

So, for all of those that took the time to

remember the fallen, time out to say a silent prayer, or raise a glass and toast their lives, thank you.

Each of us grieves in our own way, as you continue to reflect on them, remember to keep their families on your prayers.

It is said, that a Service Member has two deaths; the first is the when the life is taken from them, and the second is when they are forgotten. Let us never FORGET who they were, or what they did.

Matthew West

State Commander 2018-2019

## Buddy Poppy

During this time of year, we set up a Buddy Poppy Drive, so people in the public remember those that never came home, this year we accomplished this at three locations: Brookshires, Stine and Tractor Supply. Thank you to Reb Courtney, Matt West, Noah and Summer Despain, Cody Lauderback and Ray Duginski for covering down, and raising over \$730 for our Relief Fund.



### Special points of interest:

- Memorial Day
- Buddy Poppy
- Happenings in the Area and Post
- Commander/President
- Riders Group
- Upcoming Events
- Membership
- March Events
- Flyers

## Happenings in the Area and Post

**June 6-9: State Convention Alexandria**

**June 13: Monthly Meeting (changed due to Convention)**

**Jun 16: No Bingo for Father's Day**

**June 18: Planning Session**



## *From the Desk of the Commander*

It has been an honor serving you again as Post Commander. I could not have done it by myself, so I want to thank you all for your support and dedication to the Post, the Community and most of all to Our Veterans.

As we get ready to go into a new year, I ask you to give Josh

the same support, and let's make the Post the best it has ever been. I wish all of the new Officers, both VFW and Auxiliary the best year ever.

I am still here to support the Post and will be there when you need me.

Thanks,  
Commander  
Ken Gresham

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## *From the Desk of the President*

As the year is beginning to wind down and a new one fast approaching I want to take this time to thank everyone for making this once again a successful year.

Ken, once again it has been Great! Thank you Commander.

We, as members have the privilege of supporting one of our nation's greatest treasures, our Veterans. We need to always remember why we do the things we do, it's because of our Veterans and not for individual recognition.

Sonja

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## *Membership*

Team, we are currently at 81.21% on membership. We have 156 available unpaid (2018-2019) members and require 96 for 100%. This is the time of the year that we need to step up our game and get a hold of all of those annual members, and have them come in and pay their dues. Louisi-

ana is number 49 of 52 departments in the Nation. National VFW is over 100% and has achieve 100% for the first time in 27 years. But, we are part of that equation. If you an annual member, and you have not paid your dues for this year (2018-2019), please do so.

Your due date will not change, you will be just paid through either 2019 late, or early 2020. thanks for your consideration, let's make this a banner year for membership at the post level.

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**JUNE 2019**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Bingo	3	4	5	6 State Convention	7 Bingo State Convention	8 State Convention
9 Bingo State Convention	10	11	12	13 Monthly Meeting 6:30p.m.	14 Bingo	15
16 No Bingo Fathers Day	17	18 Planning Session 6:00pm	19	20	21 Bingo	22
23 Bingo	24	25	26	27 vfw riders meeting 6:30	28 Bingo	29
30 Bingo		NOTES:				



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